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1. EC COMMISSION MONETARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR JOHN NASH SAYS THREE TO FOUR EC MEMBER STATES HAVE NOW INDICATED AN INTEREST IN LOANS FROM THE EC BORROWING FACILITY. THE COMMISSION HAD SET A DEADLINE OF MAY 5 FOR MEMBER STATES TO STATE THEIR INTEREST IN USING THE FACILITY (SEE REF B). NOW THAT SEVERAL MEMBER STATES WANT TO USE THE FACILITY, THE COMMISSION PLANS TO FIRM UP THE VENEZUELAN OFFER TO MAKE A LOAN TO THE FACILITY (REFTELS).

2. NASH BELIEVES A GROUP OF COUNTRIES WILL FORMALLY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY REQUEST LOANS FROM THE FACILITY, PROBABLY BEFORE OCTOBER. HE PREFERS A GROUP REQUEST BECAUSE THIS AVOIDS THE STIGMA OF JUST ONE COUNTRY HAVING TO MAKE THE FIRST REQUEST. FINANCIAL MARKETS CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT INTERPRET A SINGLE REQUEST AS AN INDICATION

OF FINANCIAL INSECURITY. NASH DID NOT SPECULATE
ON WHICH COUNTRIES MIGHT REQUEST LOANS BUT PREVIOUSLY
HE HAS MENTIONED ITALY, IRELAND, AND DENMARK, AND
POSSIBLY THE UK AND FRANCE. THE FAVORABLE TERMS
WHICH THE EC COULD OBTAIN FROM VENEZUELA (SEE
REFTELS) ARE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE MEMBER STATES'
DESIRE TO USE THE FACILITY.

3. VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP WILL VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, PROBABLY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE, TO DISCUSS A SAG LOAN. HAFERKAMP AND HASH MET WITH THE HEAD OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY LAST WEEK IN PARIS. THIS MEETING INDICATED A SERIOUS INTERSTE IN A LOAN BUT THE POSSIBLE TERMS AND AMOUNT WERE NOT DISCUSSED. HAFERKAMP ALSO PLANS TO VISIT KUWAIT BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN FIXED FOR THIS TRIP. MYERSON

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